
HOUSE BILL No. 1180

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-1-2-4.5.

Synopsis: Reconnection charges. Provides that the amount charged by a utility, other than a telecommunications provider, to reconnect service may not exceed actual reconnection costs. Permits a utility to require a deposit before reconnecting service. Requires a utility to reconnect service within one calendar day after being requested to reconnect service.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-2-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2008]: **Sec. 4.5. (a) As used in this section, "utility" refers to the**
4 **following:**

5 **(1) A public utility.**

6 **(2) A municipally owned utility.**

7 **However, the term does not include a telecommunications provider**
8 **(as defined in IC 8-1-29-3).**

9 **(b) A utility may impose a reasonable and just reconnection**
10 **charge. The charge may not exceed the costs actually incurred by**
11 **the utility in reconnecting service. A rule contrary to this**
12 **subsection is void.**

13 **(c) A utility must reconnect service to a customer as soon as**
14 **reasonably possible but at least within one (1) calendar day after**
15 **the utility is requested to reconnect service. However, before**
16 **reconnecting service, the utility may require payment of a deposit**
17 **under subsection (d) and other charges.**



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1 (d) A utility may require a reasonable and just deposit from a
2 customer before the utility reconnects the customer's service. The
3 deposit may not exceed the customer's estimated average monthly
4 bill. A deposit under this subsection is in addition to a charge
5 imposed under subsection (b). A rule contrary to this subsection is
6 void.

7 (e) The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
8 implement this section.

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